



Lac Courte Oreilles  
Tribal Child Care Program

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Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how Lac Courte Oreilles plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA).

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

**1. Direct Services/Subsidies**

- Lac Courte Oreilles will use CRRSA funding to ensure that subsidy assistance will be available for those essential employees in need of Child Care. We would like to extend this assistance to these families regardless of income level to lessen the burden on these families as they continue to provide services to our community throughout this pandemic.

**2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices**

- These CRRSA funds will be a great way to provide the childcare providers serving CCDF children with any sanitizing and cleaning equipment, or supplies needed to help limit the exposure and spread of the Corona Virus within our community. Also, to help provide any training opportunities in best practices in preventing or limiting exposure or spread of said viruses.

**3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers**

- Although we have yet to determine the needs of our providers, we would like to extend the assistance through possible mini grants to help maintain services provided

to our families. Seeing that these will vary for each facility these needs may include but not limited to: Supplies needed, utility bills, training needs, contracted services, etc.

**4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic**

- Lac Courte Oreilles is in the process of opening a new Child Care Center and CRRSA funds may assist our center with some opening and operating costs. This Center will provide our community with the childcare services that are at this time very limited in our area. There are also some licensed home care providers that are in our area that are providing care to tribal children that are not yet enrolled in CCDF that may benefit from a partnership in order to increase the quality of care provided.

The Lac Courte Oreilles Child Care Program will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

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